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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FAMILY WELFARE PROGRAMME
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the most of the Family Welfare Programmes are out of the reach of the rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that these schemes reach properly to rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Government is aware of certain gaps in implementation of the Family Welfare Programmes in the country, mainly on account of inadequate outreach of infrastructure and trained manpower.

While Health is primarily a State subject, the Centre is providing
(i) technical and financial assistance in all critical areas which affect the Family Welfare Programme.
(ii) States are regularly being advised to take appropriate steps to bridge the existing gaps.
(iii) The National Population Policy 2000 envisages increasing and augmenting the Public Private Partnerships by providing a role for diverse health care providers including accrediting private medical practitioners for providing the Reproductive and Child Health Services, Mainstreaming Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy and collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations.
(iv) Efforts are also being made to increase the outreach in rural areas thorough Swasthya Melas.Reproductive and Child Health Camps, Dai Training and Reproductive and Child Health Programme outreach services programmes etc.
(v) Under Pradhan Mantri`s Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), the funds are released to further the goal of primary health care through strengthening of primary health care institutions, procurement of drugs and essential consumables, contingencies for travel cost for ANM`s and repair of equipments and furniture.
(vi) Area Development Projects are also being implemented with the financial assistance from World Bank and other donor agencies for strengthening health and family welfare infrastructure. The main activities of Area Projects include construction of buildings for sub-centres, PHCs, CHCs and Staff quarters, Training Institutes, supply of furniture and equipments etc.
(vii) Funds are also being made available to the states for construction/repair/maintenance of operation theatre, Labour Room and for upgradation of water and electric supply under Major and Minor Civil Works Schemes of Reproductive and Child Health Programme.